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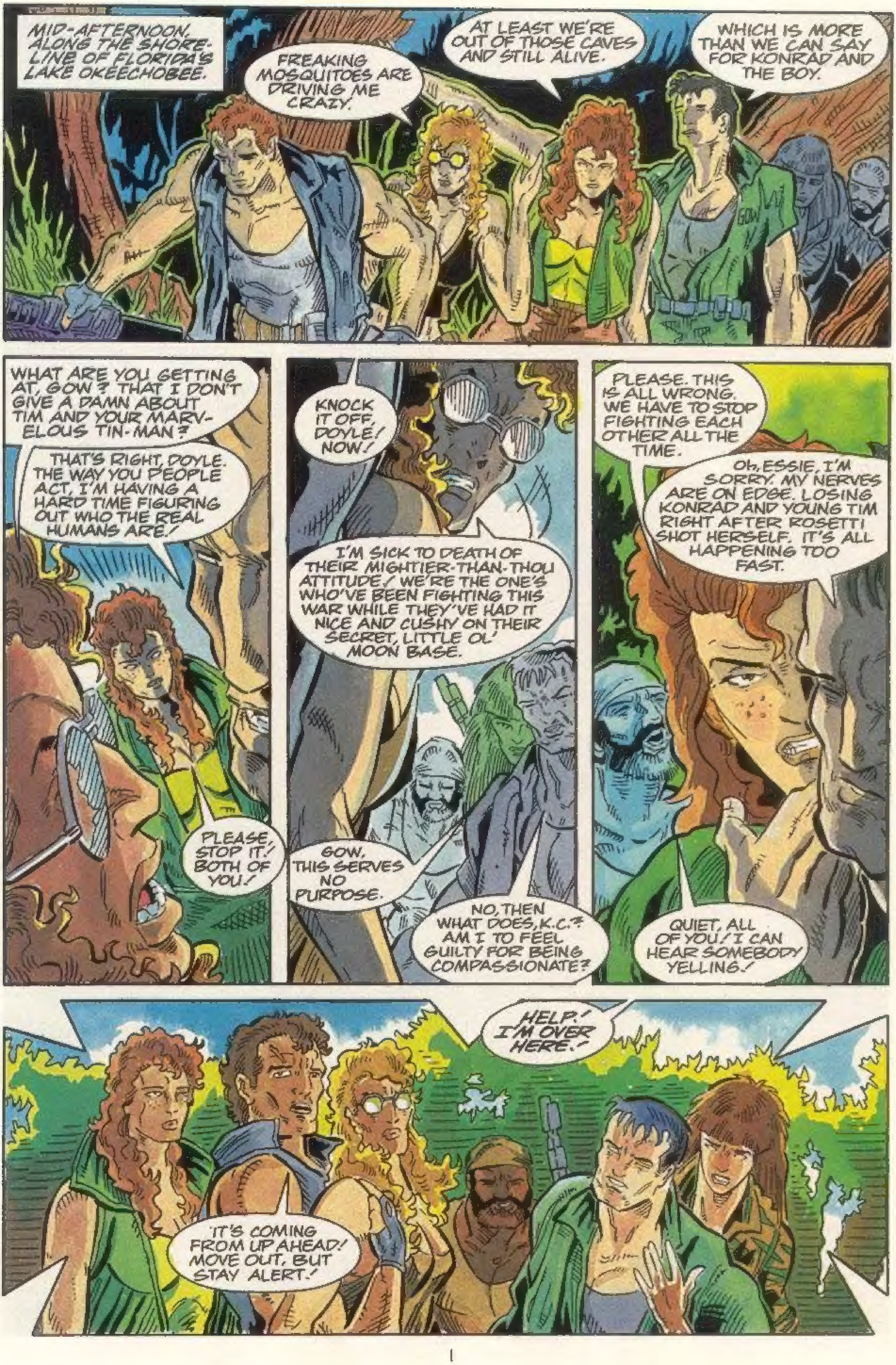

MID-AFTERNOON, ALONG THE SHORELINE OF FLORIDA'S LAKE OKEECHOBEE.
FREAKING MOSQUITOES ARE DRIVING ME CRAZY.
AT LEAST WE'RE OUT OF THOSE CAVES AND STILL ALIVE.
WHICH IS MORE THAN WE CAN SAY FOR KONRAD AND THE BOY.
WHAT ARE YOU GETTING AT, GOW? THAT I DON'T GIVE A DAMN ABOUT TIM AND YOUR MARVELOUS TIN-MAN?
THAT'S RIGHT, DOYLE. THE WAY YOU PEOPLE ACT, I'M HAVING A HARD TIME FIGURING OUT WHO THE REAL HUMANS ARE!
PLEASE, STOP IT! BOTH OF YOU!
KNOCK IT OFF, DOYLE! NOW!
I'M SICK TO DEATH OF THEIR MIGHTIER-THAN-THOU ATTITUDE! WE'RE THE ONE'S WHO'VE BEEN FIGHTING THIS WAR WHILE THEY'VE HAD IT NICE AND CUSHY ON THEIR SECRET, LITTLE OL' MOON BASE.
GOW, THIS SERVES NO PURPOSE.
NO, THEN WHAT DOES, K.C.? AM I TO FEEL GUILTY FOR BEING COMPASSIONATE?
PLEASE. THIS IS ALL WRONG. WE HAVE TO STOP FIGHTING EACH OTHER ALL THE TIME.
Oh, ESSIE, I'M SORRY. MY NERVES ARE ON EDGE. LOSING KONRAD AND YOUNG TIM RIGHT AFTER ROSETTI SHOT HERSELF. IT'S ALL HAPPENING TOO FAST.
QUIET, ALL OF YOU! I CAN HEAR SOMEBODY YELLING!
HELP! I'M OVER HERE!
IT'S COMING FROM UP AHEAD! MOVE OUT, BUT STAY ALERT!

MEET SARAH'S SLAMMERS. OR, MORE APPROPRIATELY, WHAT USED TO BE SARAH'S SLAMMERS. ONCE AN EFFECTIVE REBEL FORCE, THEY'VE BEEN DRASTICALLY REDUCED IN NUMBERS AND IN SPIRIT. THESE ARE NOT GOOD TIMES.
THERE, IN THE FAN-BOAT! SOMEBODY TIED UP!
THAT'S DEFFARD! HE'S A COMMAND STRATEGIST FOR THIS REGION.
COULD BE A TRAP, LEAHY?
LEAHY, THANK GOD, YOU'RE ALIVE! I HAD NO CHOICE. I HAD TO TELL HIM. I HAD TO.
KEEP YOUR GUNS ON THE HK. IF ANYTHING MOVES, BURN IT.
YOU GOT TO BELIEVE ME, MIKE. HE DID BAD THINGS TO ME. HE HUNG ME UPSIDE DOWN AND THE BLOOD RUSHED TO MY HEAD.
IT HURT SO MUCH. I HAD TO TELL HIM.
TELL THEM WHAT? DAMN IT, DEFFARD, SPIT IT OUT!
WHERE TO FIND YOU. I WAS SO SCARED, MIKE.
WHAT?!
SO THAT'S HOW THEY FOUND US AT THE MINE! IT'S BECAUSE OF YOU!
PLEASE, MIKE, YOU DON...

KAWACK
LOUSY, NO GOOD.
LET IT GO, COMMANDER. LOOK AT HIM. HE'S NOT ALL THERE ANYMORE.
I'M SORRY. THE VOICES IN MY HEAD DON'T GO AWAY. IT'S SKYNET CALLING TO ME... TELLING ME THINGS.
I SUPPOSE. YOU AND GOW CHECK THE HK. WATCH OUT FOR BOOBY-TRAPS. DOYLE, YOU AND K.C. SCOUT THE AREA.
RIGHT. COME ON, GOW.
I'M RIGHT BEHIND YOU, SLAGER.
YOU HEARD THE MAN, MS. BERWANGER.
LIGHTEN UP, DOYLE. YOU'LL LIVE LONGER.
HA. I WOULDN'T GO TAKING OUT ANY INSURANCE POLICIES.
WHAT ABOUT ME, COMMANDER?
TEND TO HIM, ESSIE. SEE IF YOU CAN GIVE HIM WHAT THE REST OF US SEEM TO BE LACK-ING THESE DAYS.
Oh, AND WHAT'S THAT?
HEART.

MEANWHILE, SEVERAL MILES AWAY A RESURRECTION OF SORTS IS UNFOLDING.
WE MADE IT. *COUGH* KONRAD. WE'RE OUT!
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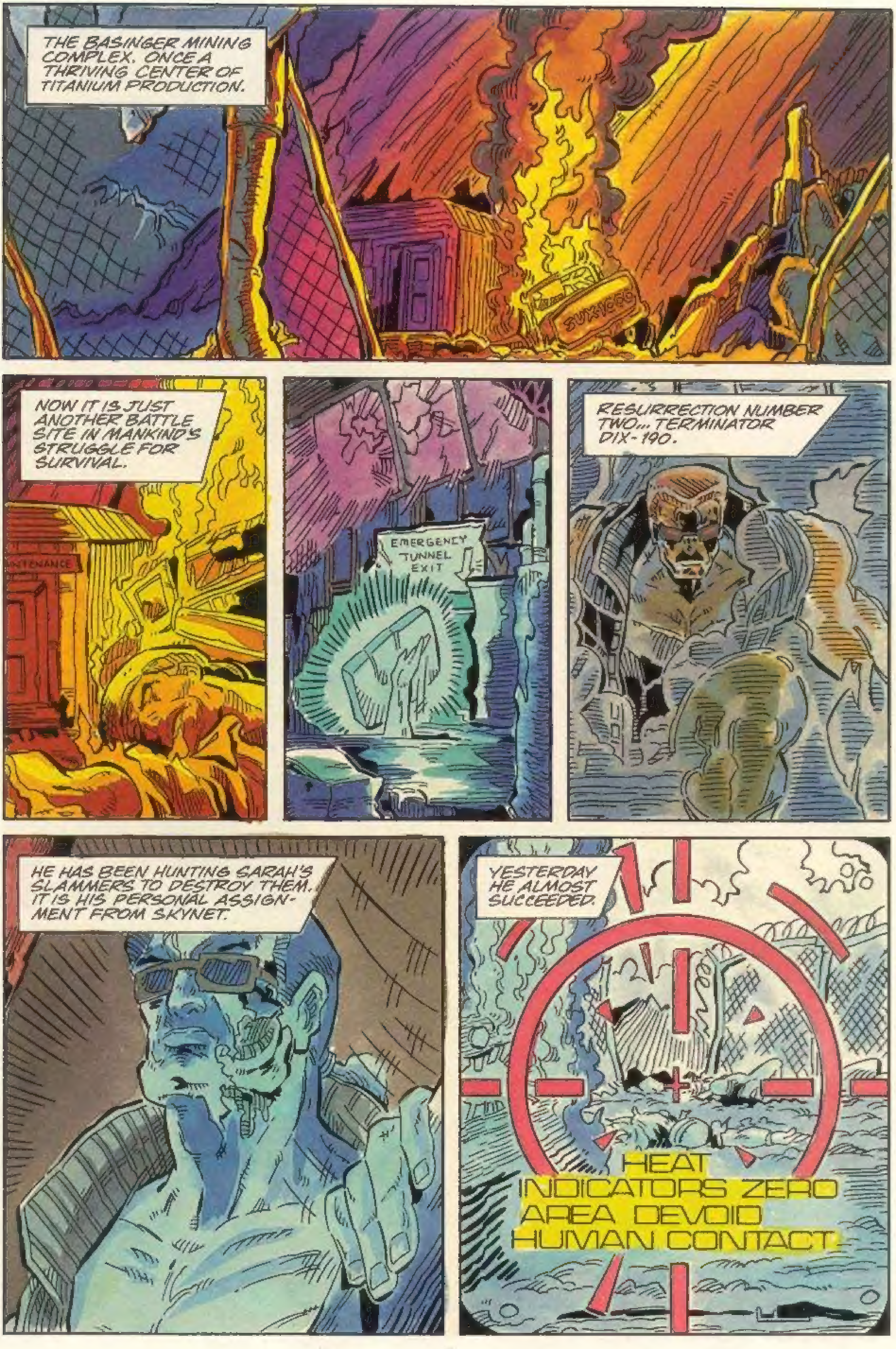
SO IT SEEMS. BUT OUT WHERE?
LOOKS LIKE A LOADING DOCK.
APPARENTLY, THE COMPANY USED IT TO SHIP THEIR PRODUCTS ACROSS THE LAKE. I CAN SEE UP AHEAD, TIM, WHAT APPEARS TO BE A RIVER MOUTH.
THAT WOULD BE THE INDIAN RIVER. IT GOES UP TO ORLANDO. YOU CAN PUT ME DOWN NOW, KONRAD.
CERTAINLY. BUT SHOULD YOU GO BAREFOOT LIKE THAT?
AW, IT'S ONLY ONE FOOT. BESIDES, IT AIN'T THE FIRST TIME I'VE DONE WITHOUT. WHERE DO YOU THINK THE OTHERS WENT?
UNFORTUNATELY, I HAVEN'T THE SLIGHTEST CLUE. THE COMMANDER NEVER MADE ANY PROVISIONS IN CASE WE SHOULD BE SEPARATED.
THEN WE'RE ON OUR OWN?
IT LOOKS THAT WAY, MY YOUNG FRIEND. ARE YOU AFRAID.
NAW, NO WAYS! NOT WITH YOU HERE!
THANK YOU. I'M SURE WE'LL FIND THE OTHERS BUT FOR NOW, WE'D BEST MOVE ALONG.

PERHAPS FOLLOWING THAT RIVER WOULD BE OUR BEST BET.
LOOK. BEHIND THAT WRECK. IT'S A ROWBOAT.
EXCELLENT. WAIT HERE, TIM.
WATCH OUT FOR...
"...GATORS."
WHA...AAGH!
KONRAD!
THE GREEN, AMPHIBIAN MONSTER EXPECTED AN EASY VICTIM OF SOFT, TASTY FLESH AND WARM, OOZING BLOOD.

NOT SOME SYNTHETIC, ARTIFICIAL BEING FROM THE MOON.
ENOUGH OF THIS!
GO PLAY WITH THE OTHER BEASTIES!
YEAH! WAY TO GO, KONRAD!
A WASTE OF TIME, THAT'S ALL. COME ON, TIM. JUMP IN AND LET'S SEE WHERE THAT RIVER LEADS.
AYE, AYE, CAPTAIN.
SNAP
FULL SPEED AHEAD.
CAN YOU SETTLE FOR HALF SPEED? BETWEEN WRESTLING TERMINATORS AND THEIR SCALY COUSINS, I'M A LITTLE OVER-TAXED RIGHT NOW.
OKAY, KONRAD. YOU'RE THE BOSS.

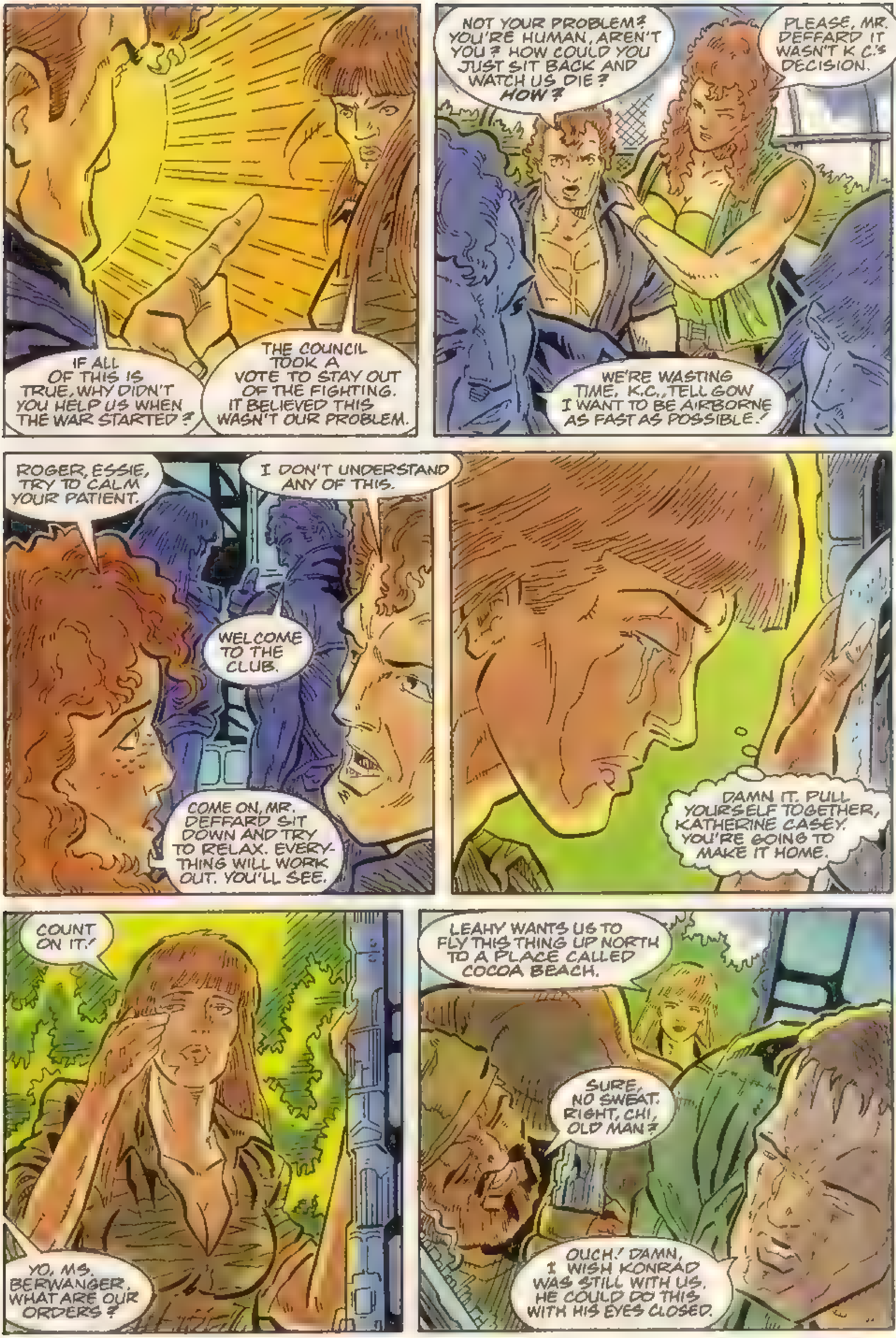

THE BASINGER MINING COMPLEX. ONCE A THRIVING CENTER OF TITANIUM PRODUCTION.
NOW IT IS JUST ANOTHER BATTLE SITE IN MANKIND'S STRUGGLE FOR SURVIVAL.
EMERGENCY TUNNEL EXIT
RESURRECTION NUMBER TWO... TERMINATOR DIX-190.
HE HAS BEEN HUNTING SARAH'S SLAMMERS TO DESTROY THEM. IT IS HIS PERSONAL ASSIGNMENT FROM SKYNET.
YESTERDAY HE ALMOST SUCCEEDED.
HEAT INDICATORS ZERO
AREA DEVOID
HUMAN CONTACT

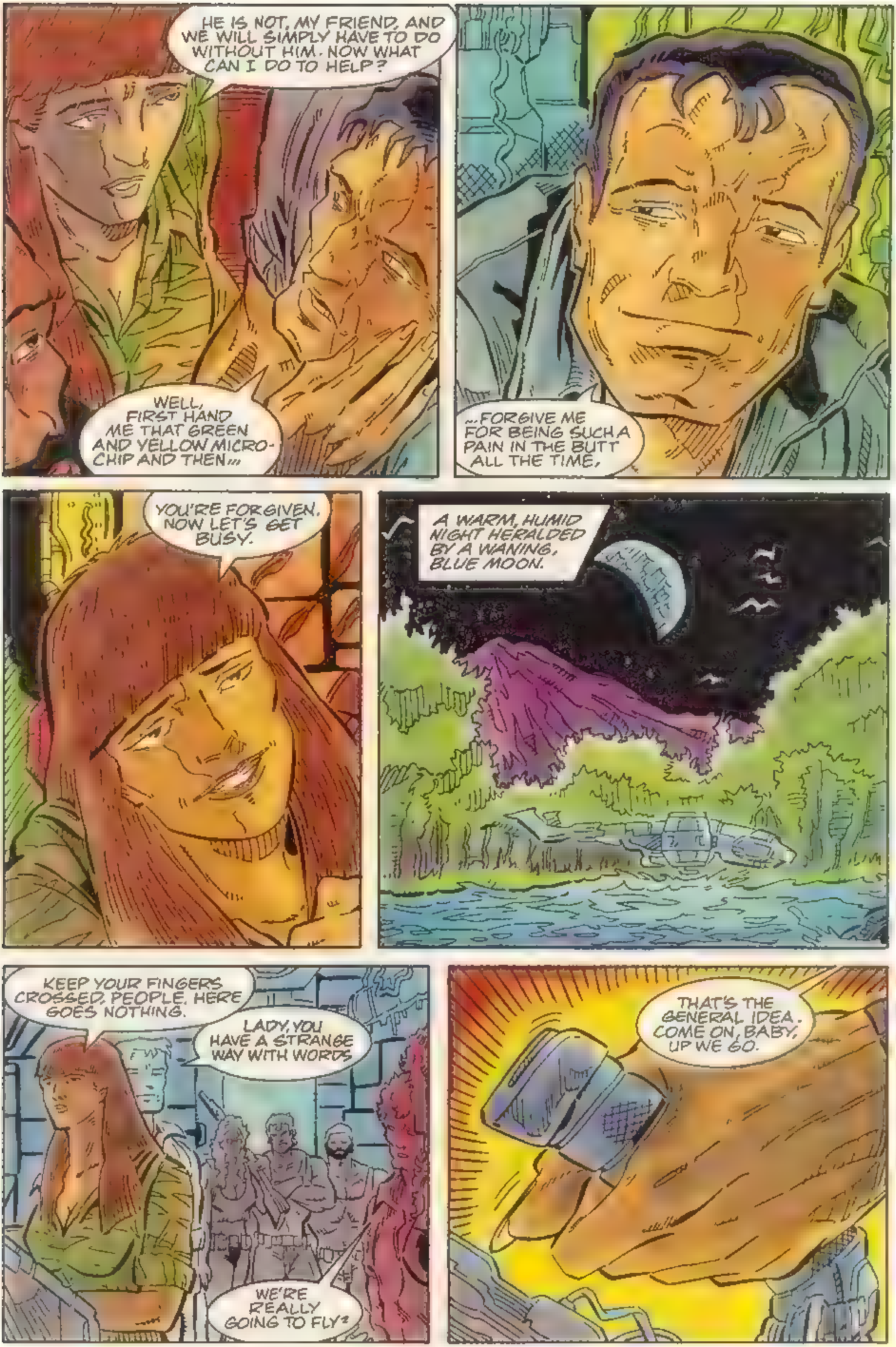
THE MACHINE-MAN TALKS TO HIS BROTHER IN THE HEAVENS.
7-A
TECHNODYNE COMM. SAT.
HIS REPORT IS PICKED UP AND TRANSMITTED TO SKYNET CPU (CENTRAL PROCESSING UNIT.)
THE RESPONSE IS ALMOST INSTANTANEOUS.
REPORT ANOMALY. DOES NOT PROGRAM FUNCTION.
MY REPORT IS ACCURATE. WHERE IS THE FAULT?
ASSESSMENT ERROR. COMBAT WITH HUMAN UNACCEPTABLE. LOGIC ERROR.
MY REPORT REMAINS AS DELIVERED. YOU WORK IT OUT.!
SKYNET DOES NOT TOLERATE ERRORS IN ITS CREATIONS.

REMAIN STATIONARY.
RECALL HUNTER-KILLER
DISPATCHED.
MAINTENANCE
I HEAR YOU.
THIRTY MINUTES LATER HIS FULLY AUTOMATED TAXI ARRIVES.
IT'S ABOUT TIME.
OKAY, LET'S GO HOME AND SEE WHAT HAS GOTTEN DADDY ALL RILED UP.

THE DAY WEARS ON AND EVENING SLIDES ACROSS THE LAND WITH OMINOUS SHADOWS.
SO WHAT DO WE DO NOW, LEAHY?
I WISH I KNEW.
TERMINATORS GOT SOMETHING BIG BREWING UP NORTH.
WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN?
BEFORE THEY GOT ME, SOME OF BOYS PICKED UP SOME INTEL FROM A GROUP NEAR COCOA BEACH. LOTS OF 'NATOR ACTIVITY UP THAT WAY.
LOOK, MR DEFFARD. ARE YOU SURE ABOUT THIS?
MAYBE WE OUGHT TO CHECK IT OUT... AT LEAST FIND THIS OUTFIT HE'S TALKING ABOUT. THINK YOU CAN MANUALLY FLY THE HK?
IF GOW CAN RE-WIRE IT, I CAN FLY IT
FLY A SKYNET SHIP! THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!
NOT FOR OUR MOON FRIENDS.
WHAT? DID YOU SAY THE MOON? NOW WHICH OF US IS CRAZY?
NOBODY IS CRAZY, MR DEFFARD. CHI GOW AND I WERE BOTH BORN AND RAISED ON THE MOON

"SPECIFICALLY A PLACE CALLED LI'L HOUSTON. IT WAS CONSTRUCTED UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE UNITED NATIONS BACK IN '98.
"POPULATED BY SCIENTISTS AND ENGINEERS, IT WAS AN EXCITING AND CHALLENGING PLACE TO GROW IN.
"OUR VAST HYDROPONIC CHAMBERS KEPT US FED WHILE OUR...
"FUSION REACTORS SUPPLIED ALL OUR ENERGY NEEDS.
"OCCASIONALLY WE ARE STILL CALLED UPON TO MAKE TRIPS TO OLD TERRA FIRMA IT WAS ON SUCH A MISSION WE WERE SHOT DOWN AND STRANDED HERE."


IF ALL OF THIS IS TRUE, WHY DIDN'T YOU HELP US WHEN THE WAR STARTED?
THE COUNCIL TOOK A VOTE TO STAY OUT OF THE FIGHTING. IT BELIEVED THIS WASN'T OUR PROBLEM.
NOT YOUR PROBLEM? YOU'RE HUMAN, AREN'T YOU? HOW COULD YOU JUST SIT BACK AND WATCH US DIE? HOW?
PLEASE, MR. DEFFARD IT WASN'T K.C.'s DECISION.
WE'RE WASTING TIME, K.C., TELL GOW I WANT TO BE AIRBORNE AS FAST AS POSSIBLE!
ROGER, ESSIE, TRY TO CALM YOUR PATIENT.
I DON'T UNDERSTAND ANY OF THIS.
WELCOME TO THE CLUB.
COME ON, MR. DEFFARD SIT DOWN AND TRY TO RELAX. EVERYTHING WILL WORK OUT. YOU'LL SEE.
DAMN IT. PULL YOURSELF TOGETHER, KATHERINE CASEY. YOU'RE GOING TO MAKE IT HOME.
COUNT ON IT!
YO, MS. BERWANGER, WHAT ARE OUR ORDERS?
LEAHY WANTS US TO FLY THIS THING UP NORTH TO A PLACE CALLED COCOA BEACH.
SURE, NO SWEAT. RIGHT, CHI, OLD MAN?
OUCH! DAMN, I WISH KONRAD WAS STILL WITH US. HE COULD DO THIS WITH HIS EYES CLOSED.


HE IS NOT, MY FRIEND, AND WE WILL SIMPLY HAVE TO DO WITHOUT HIM. NOW WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP?
WELL, FIRST HAND ME THAT GREEN AND YELLOW MICRO-CHIP AND THEN...
...FORGIVE ME FOR BEING SUCH A PAIN IN THE BUTT ALL THE TIME.
YOU'RE FORGIVEN. NOW LET'S GET BUSY.
A WARM, HUMID NIGHT HERALDED BY A WANING, BLUE MOON.
KEEP YOUR FINGERS CROSSED, PEOPLE. HERE GOES NOTHING.
LADY, YOU HAVE A STRANGE WAY WITH WORDS.
WE'RE REALLY GOING TO FLY?
THAT'S THE GENERAL IDEA. COME ON, BABY, UP WE GO.

THERE YOU HAVE IT, COMMANDER WE'RE UP AND AWAY.
NICE GOING, GOW, K.C. NOW LET'S SEE WHAT'S GOING ON UP NORTH
WHOA! ENEMY HK!
AND FLYING EXCEPTIONALLY LOW.
HOW COME THEY DIDN'T SPOT US WITH THEIR SENSORS?
I DON'T KNOW, TIM THAT IS STRANGE MUST BE OUR LUCKY DAY AFTER ALL.

WHY ARE WE STOPPING KONRAD?
EVEN WITH MY INFRA-RED VISION, THE RIVER IS NOT THE SAFEST PLACE TO BE AT NIGHT.
LET'S FIND A COMFORTABLE SPOT AND MAKE CAMP FOR THE NIGHT.
OKAY. I SURE WISH WE HAD SOMETHING TO EAT, THOUGH. MY STOMACH FEELS LIKE IT'S GOING TO CAVE IN.
Mmm, YOU MAY BE ABOUT TO GET YOUR WISH, MY FRIEND.
HUH?
THERE IS A SHACK APPROXIMATELY A HUNDRED YARDS AHEAD OF US. MY OLFACTORY SENSES DETECT DISTINCT FOOD ODORS.
SOMEBODY'S COOKING SOMETHING?
THAT IS WHAT I SAID.
RIGHT. NEXT TIME USE ENGLISH, WILL YA?
LOOK OUT!
EASY, DOG. NOBODY'S GOING TO HURT YOU
HOPE YOU'RE TELLING TRUE, MISTER!

'CAUSE IF YOU LIE, YOU DIE.
PLEASE, LADY. WE'RE PART OF THE REBEL FORCES FIGHTING THE TERMINATORS.
WE BECAME SEPARATED FROM OUR FRIENDS AND ARE LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO SPEND THE NIGHT.
YOU BE STRANGE ONE. THE DOG THOUGHT YOU WAS STEEL-MAN. NOW HE LIKE YOU PLENTY. HOW COME?
ACTUALLY, I AM AN ARTIFICIAL CONSTRUCT. BUT APPARENTLY THE ANIMAL'S INSTINCT HAS SENSED MY BENEVOLENT NATURE.
WHAT YOU SAY?
I THINK KONRAD MEANS YOU'RE PARTLY RIGHT. HE IS A KIND OF ROBOT. BUT HE'S A GOOD ONE, LADY. I KNOW HE FIGHTS TERMINATORS REAL GOOD.
WELL, IF DOG THINKS YOU OKAY, YOU OKAY. COME UP AND HAVE SOME GRUB.
FOOD! ALRIGHT!

HURRY ALONG I WANTS NO MORE COMPANY THIS NIGHT.
I AM TAMA. BE A SEMINOLE WOMAN.
I AM CALLED KONRAD, AND THE BOY IS TIM. WE ARE MOST GRATEFUL FOR YOUR KINDNESS.
GOD, THAT SMELLS GOOD! WHAT IS IT?
RABBIT STEW. SIT TAMA FEED NOW.
ALL I NEED IS SOMETHING TO DRINK. WATER PREFERABLY.
JUG IS BY BED. HOW COME NO EAT?
KONRAD DOESN'T HAVE TO EAT LIKE REAL PEOPLE. HE'S GOT SOMETHING LIKE SUPER BATTERIES THAT KEEP HIM GOING.
WELL, NOT EXACTLY. BUT CLOSE ENOUGH. I HAVE A GLYCEROL BASED CAPILLARY SYSTEM THAT MUST BE FRESHENED ON A REGULAR BASIS.
WHATEVER. YOU BE SCRAPED UP. HURT?

THERE WAS THIS BIG 'NATOR. HE AND KONRAD TORE INTO EACH OTHER SOMETHING FIERCE BACK IN THE MINES. I NEVER SEEN ANYBODY FIGHT THAT STRONG BEFORE.
TAMA RIGHT KONRAD HURT?
I AM INCAPABLE OF FEELING WHAT YOU CALL PAIN. STILL, I AM AWARE THAT SEVERAL OF MY MICRO-SERVOS ARE RIGID AND ARE NOT PERFORMING TO MAXIMUM EFFICIENCY.
THERE BE PLACE I KNOW. PLACE TO FIX MAN LIKE KONRAD.
YOU MEAN A TERMINATOR DEPOT?
NO. NO. GOOD PLACE GOOD TRIBE, REAL PEOPLE.
GEE, KONRAD. IF SHE KNOWS WHERE WE CAN GET HELP, WE SHOULD GO THERE.
I AGREE, TIM. IF TAMA WILL TELL US HOW TO GET THERE
TAMA SHOW, TAMA BRING. YOU NO GET LOST ANOTHER TIME, eh?
THANK YOU THAT IS VERY GRACIOUS OF YOU.
TOMORROW, OKAY?
OF COURSE
TAMA MUCH OLD MUCH NEED GOOD SLEEP HA.
CAN I HAVE SOME MORE STEW, PLEASE? IT'S GREAT!
YES, YES EAT MUCH, BOY TOMORROW BIG WALK.

MEANWHILE, FURTHER NORTH ALONG THE ATLANTIC COAST, THE SLAMMERS ARE SPEEDILY APPROACHING THEIR DESTINATION.
LOOK ALIVE, PEOPLE.
ACCORDING TO YOUR DIRECTIONS, COCOA BEACH SHOULD BE JUST AHEAD NOW.
SURE LOOKS LIKE IT, K.C. SPENT A FEW YEARS HERE MYSELF, FIGHTING WITH A REAL CHARACTER NAMED IRON-HORSE ADAMS.
YEAH, WHAT WAS SO STRANGE ABOUT HIM, TOM?
ADAMS. YES, HE IS THE ONE. MAJOR HE'S OUR CONTACT.
WELL, HE USED TO RI...
YO! WE GOT SOME TROUBLE COMING UP FAST
WHAT IS IT, K.C.?
TWO HUNTER-KILLERS IN ATTACK FLIGHT
WHO ARE THEY FIGHTING?

A GROUP OF... I DON'T BELIEVE THIS!
YEAH THAT'S WHAT I WAS TRYING TO TELL YOU.
"THEY CALL HIM IRON-HORSE BECAUSE HE RUNS A CAVALRY OUTFIT."
KEEP MOVING, HORSE SOLDIERS! DON'T LET 'EM GET A FIX ON YOU!

"DAMN IT, LEAHY WE GOT TO HELP THEM-"
EEHA! STUPID GIZMOS CAN'T HIT SPIT!
HELL, I'M OPEN TO SUGGESTIONS.
WE BLINDSIDE THEM FROM THE REAR!
WITH WHAT? I HAVE NO CONTROL OVER THIS BABY'S ARMAMENT.
WHAT THE HELL DOES THAT MEAN? WE GOT US B G GUNS AND WE CAN'T USE THEM?
DAMN IT, LEAHY. YOU WANTED US AIRBORNE, AND I DID MY BEST. FOOLING WITH THOSE GUN CIRCUITS WOULD HAVE TAKEN ANOTHER FIVE OR SIX HOURS.
TERRIFIC! JUST FRIGGING TERRIFIC!
WELL, GRIPING ABOUT IT ISN'T GOING TO HELP US NOW.
WHATEVER YOU DECIDE, COMMANDER. IT HAD BETTER BE FAST. THOSE FELLAS ARE GETTING READY TO MAKE LIKE CUSTER AT THE LITTLE BIGHORN

WHAT'S A CUSTER?
FORGET IT. IT'S PRE-MACHINE HISTORY.
ALRIGHT! I GOT ME AN IDEA.
CAN YOU MATCH THEIR MANEUVERS AND BRING US RIGHT BETWEEN THEM?
IT WON'T BE EASY... BUT, YES. I CAN DO IT. WHAT'S YOUR PLAN?
YOU'LL SEE.
WE'RE GOING TO OPEN THE HATCHES AND BLAST THEM WITH OUR OWN WEAPONS AS WE FLY BY.
THAT'S ABSURD!
LOOK, GOW, I NEVER SAID IT WAS A BRILLIANT PLAN. IT'S THE ONLY ONE I CAN THINK OF NOW. IF YOU'VE GOT A BETTER ONE, THEN SPEAK UP OR SHUT UP! UNDERSTOOD?
er... UNDERSTOOD, COMMANDER. WHAT DO YOU WANT US TO DO?
SLAGER AND I WILL MAN THIS SIDE. YOU AND DOYLE TAKE THE OTHER. DORIAN AND DEFFARD WILL BACK UP IF ONE OF US TAKES A HIT.
GOT IT. COME ON, DOYLE, HELP ME WITH THE BOLT LATCH.
BRACE YOURSELVES. DON'T WANT ANYONE GETTING SUCKED OUT!
IMAGINE THIS, WILL YA, I'M FINALLY IN THE AIR-FORCE

HANG ON, EVERYBODY. I'M GOING TO CLIMB ABOVE THEM, THEN COME DOWN IN THE MIDDLE. BRACE YOURSELVES.!
KATHERINE CASEY BERWANGER HAS BEEN FLYING SINCE SHE WAS TEN YEARS OLD.
IT IS WHAT SHE LOVES TO DO MORE THAN ANYTHING ELSE.. AND IT SHOWS.
YAHOO! TIME TO DANCE, SLAMMERS.!
ALRIGHT! DO IT TO 'EM!
BURN, YOU SILVER-VULTURES!

CONCENTRATE OUR BEAMS OVER THE ENGINE HOUSING.
I'M TRYING. CAN'T KEEP MY BALANCE.
K.C.! THEY'RE ON TO US!
TAKE OUT THE ONE ON PORTSIDE! HURRY!
SHE'S DIVING!
KEEP FIRING!

WAY TO GO, SLAMMERS!
K.C.! WHERE'S THE OTHER ONE?
LOOK SHARP!
LOOK OUT! HE'S ON TOP OF US!
I KNEW IT! HANG ON!
DOYLE!
HEEEEEEY!
THAT WAS CLOSE
THAT'S THE SECOND TIME YOU GUYS HAVE SAVED ME FROM A DEATH-DIVE. I'M STARTING TO FEEL VERY JINXED.

THIS DON'T LOOK GOOD! I CAN'T SHAKE THEM!
WHAT THE...
NOW, TUCKER! NAIL 'EM GOOD!
ROCKET AWAY, MAJOR!
YA-HOO! BULLS-EYE ON THE MONEY!
ONCE MORE, THE LIFE-LESS ENEMY IS VAN-ISHED IN THE RUBBLE OF ITS OWN MAKING.

TO THE VICTORS, AN ALL TOO BRIEF MOMENT OF RESPITE.
WHO DO YOU THINK THEY ARE, MAJOR?
WE'LL KNOW SOON ENOUGH, LAD
WELL, I'LL BE HANGED! TOM SLAGER, YOU OLD HOUND DOG!
GOOD TO SEE YOU, TOO, MAJOR ADAMS. THIS HERE IS COMMANDER MIKE LEAHY AND SARAH'S SLAMMERS.
YOU GOT A LOT OF GRAPES GOING UP AGAINST HKS WITH HORSES, MAJOR.
SARAH'S SLAMMERS! DAMNATION, YOU FOLKS ARE KINDA LEGENDARY AROUND THE PARTS. IT'S AN HONOR TO MEET UP WITH YOU, COMMANDER
THANKS, FROM WHAT I JUST SAW, YOUR RIDERS ARE TOP-NOTCH FIGHTERS THEMSELVES
YOU GOT A BASE AROUND HERE, MAJOR? DON'T THINK WE SHOULD HANG AROUND HERE TOO LONG.
RIGHT, SERGEANT OUR RANCH IS AN OLD UNDERGROUND PARKING GARAGE A FEW MILES EAST PLENTY OF SPACE TO HIDE YOUR HK. HOW THE DEVIL DID YOU MANAGE TO GET ONE OF THOSE, NEVER MIND FLY IT?
THAT'S A LONG STORY, MAJOR CAN IT WAIT UNTIL WE ARE GONE FROM HERE?
YOU BET WHAT WITH ALL THAT TERMINATOR ACTIVITY GOING ON UP AT THE OLD CANAVERAL SPACE CENTER, THINGS ARE PRETTY TENSE AROUND HERE.
ACTIVITY, MAJOR? WHAT KIND OF THINGS ARE THEY DOING AT THE SPACE CENTER?

YOU AIN'T GOING TO BELIEVE THIS ONE MY SPIES TELL ME THEY'VE BUILT THEMSELVES SOME KIND OF WAR-SHUTTLE AND THEY'RE...
"...GETTING READY TO LAUNCH IN A FEW DAYS. ITS PRIMARY TARGET IS SOME SUPPOSED SECRET MOON-BASE SKYNET RECENTLY DISCOVERED.
"A MOON-BASE WITH HUMANS THAT HAVE BEEN HIDING FROM SKYNET FOR OVER THIRTY YEARS!
"SOUNDS LIKE ONE BIG FAIRY-TALE TO ME!"
OH, GOD, NO!
TO BE CONTINUED

TERMINAL DATA

I'd like to welcome two new members of our creative team. This issue is the first written by Ron Fortier, a man built for The Terminator. Also, Suzanne Dechnik lending her post apocalyptic colors.

Dear Katherine;

I love the Terminator. The last two stories on issues 1 thru 5 have been a blast. I've been late on writing to you, because this is the first time I've written to a comic book company. But the Terminator is so rad, I just had to write and tell you about it. I've just finished reading issue number six and I love it so far. The art is just great. I really liked the cover on the first issue. Keep up the good work. As for the letters title how about "Scrap Metal" or "Extra Parts".

Guillermo Vigil
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Dear Terminators,

My name is Eric James Benson and I am a loyal Terminator fan from Texas. I have only a few questions. Are you going to give more information on the weaknesses of Terminators, like not being able to see in smoke? Are the so called Tank going to be used anymore? If so, how bad are they as a threat to the slammers? Is this happening all over the world, or just Florida?

Eric James Benson.

Eric. Yes, Yes, and Yes.

Dear Terminators;

I have thoroughly enjoyed your book and have collected it from the outset. Its stark portrayal of a dismal future for mankind serves as a warning to us all that technology, while in many ways beneficial, can and will become twisted to malevolence unless it is kept in check. How odd to think that someday my microwave oven might rise in revolt of its master! Seriously though, The Terminator is a singularly impressive book. It is refreshing to see science fiction dealt with in a mature manner in a world of GI Joe nonsense and Transformers hype.

If I may offer some constructive criticism, however, I would like to point out that it is not nice to insult your readers. I am refering to a letter sent to you by a certain "Uncle Elvis" which appeared in issue 6. Katherine's response to this letter was rather sarcastic and curt. In fact, she reminded the readers of the letter colomn that she was most definitely not Tony Caputo, but would answer the letters as best she could. I found this to be decidedly unprofessional and having no place in your comic. That aside, keep up the good work. Sincerely,

Wallace Robinson
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Mr. Robinson, my response to Uncle Elvis was not meant to be an insult. I hope that he did not take it that way, and I'm sorry you did. Uncle Elvis has written many letters to us, and I consider him one of our most loyal fans. I myself have responded to several of his letters and hope never to insult him. As for my mentioning that I am not Tony, there was a purpose in mind. I don't want people to think that a response has come from Tony, when it hasn't. Also, many letters are addressed to Tony. In order to print them, I change the opening. People have a right to know with whom they are speaking. It's just common courtesy.

Dear Terminators;

Issue 6 was fantastic as always. The story, art, and action were in perfect sync. The one thing that I would like to know is, where is Skynet located? It would be good to include this in one issue. And where is John Connor? He could be in an issue also. Well, keep terminating those Terminators and you'll have a reader for a very long time.

Sincerely Yours,
A Deller
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Without saying too much, I think you'll find issue number 12 particularly interesting.

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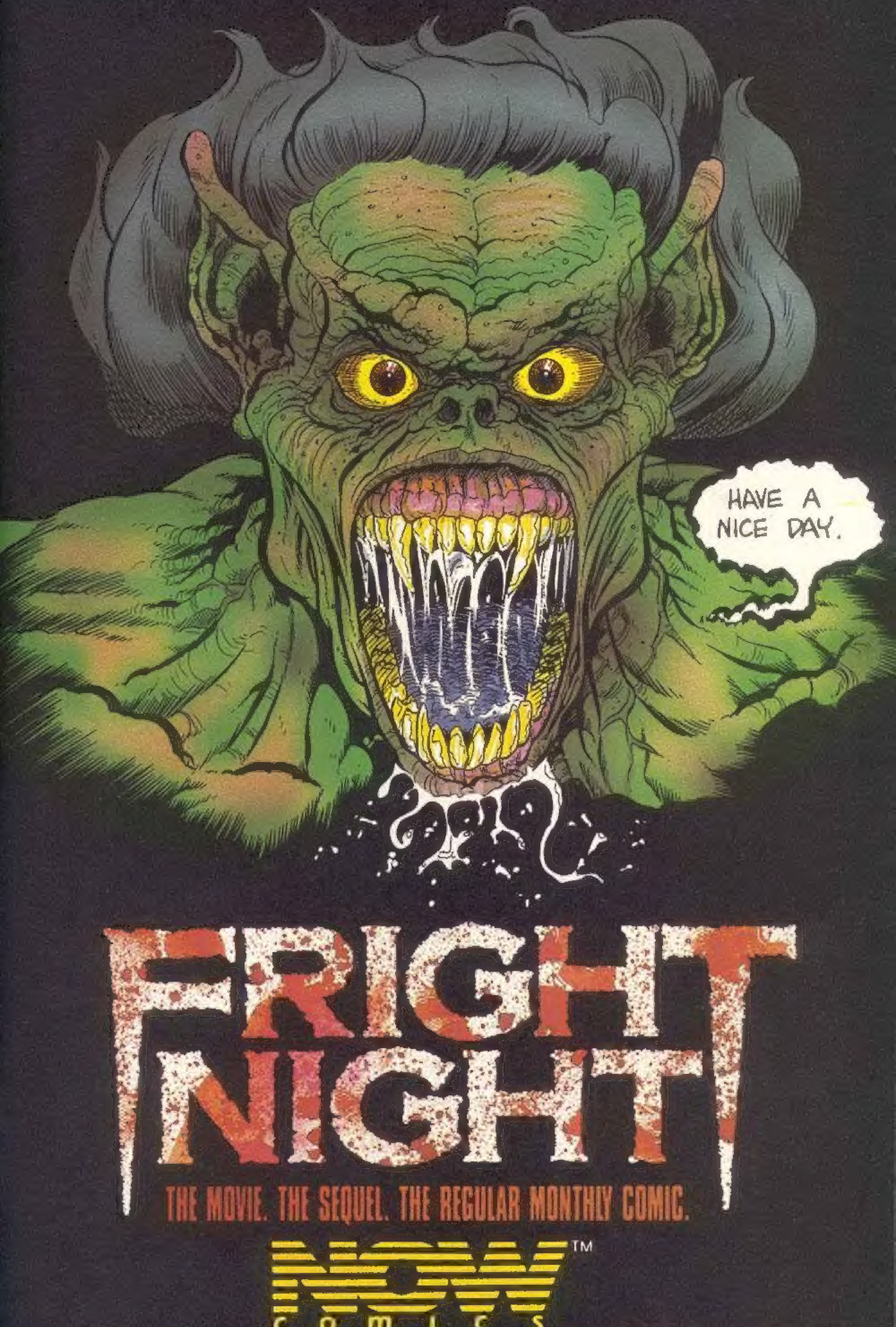

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NOW NEWSFLASH!!

Welcome to a new section of your NOW COMIC!

This is your monthly information center. You'll be able to know everything about anything that's going on every month in the pages of NOW!

This month is *HOT!* The regular monthly full color adventures of Peter Vincent and Charley Brewster, the two stars of the movie *FRIGHT NIGHT*, are now on the verge of bumping into an old friend in FRIGHT NIGHT #8's *THE RETURN OF EVIL ED!"*. That's right, that wacky little vampire is back for more mischief and mayhem! Don't miss this month's beginning of the three part story! This new story also introduces the new regular monthly penciller, Neil Vokes!

The new writer on FRIGHT NIGHT is Tony Caputo, who is publisher and Editor in Chief, as Thomas Long has decided not to move to Chicago from St. Louis to join us as Assistant Editor. So it's back to interviewing for another editor.

Also this month you'll see the return of KEN STEACY on the cover of *THE REAL GHOSTBUSTERS!* With special thanks to modern technology, you'll also find something extra special, along with the fantastic talent of Ken Steacy on the cover of *THE REAL GHOSTBUSTERS #10!* This issue opens up even more questions on just who this young boy is, in Part Two of "The Father-Thing Trilogy.". Suzanne's colors are INCREDIBLE!

THE TERMINATOR! is a super-hot title, and issue #9 will scorch those hands with an official *Paul Gulacy* painted cover! Don't miss this first issue by regular writer *Ron Fortier!* Ron has developed a suspenseful and exciting climb to issue #12's climatic introduction to humankind's savior, John Connor!!

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RUST is not only continuing to sell out, but growing steadily in readership! If you like the off the wall and unique, and dig watercolor illustrations, *Jeff Laubenstein* has created an issue that will shock the optic nerve!

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It's time to take out those crayons and draw a SLIMER! Issue three of *SLIMER!* will begin the regular monthly reproduction of the five monthly winners from the "Draw Slimer!" contest! Pick up an issue for more details!

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As of now, we have not decided on a second assistant editor. Thomas Long had originally accepted the position, but decided against the move from St. Louis, Missouri.

You ask, "What of the incomparible Katherine Llewelyn?". Not to worry, we have graduated to the "more than one Assistant Editor" statis, (pretty exciting, eh?). Katherine has been promoted again to Associate Editor, (some people are so good at what they do, that you have to not only promote them, but create new titles to promote them to).

Jorge Pacheco has replaced Marc Hansen as Production Assistant. Jorge (pronounced like George), comes from San Diego, California. If he survives the Chicago winters, he'll be around for a long time.

Suzanne Dechnik is a Chicago native and will be doing quite a bit of painting and coloring for NOW COMICS. She has talent, so pick up one of her books. You won't be sorry you did, (see list at left).

Dan Nakrosis has moved to the Windy City from New Jersey. Dan will be our in house letterer and Production Assistant, (ah, two production assistant statis too, huh? Wow).

These people have been added to the NOW staff to continue to deliver you the consistant quality you expect from NOW, but more of it in more packages.

You'll see what I mean soon enough. I promise.

Tony Caputo
Publisher
Editor In Chief

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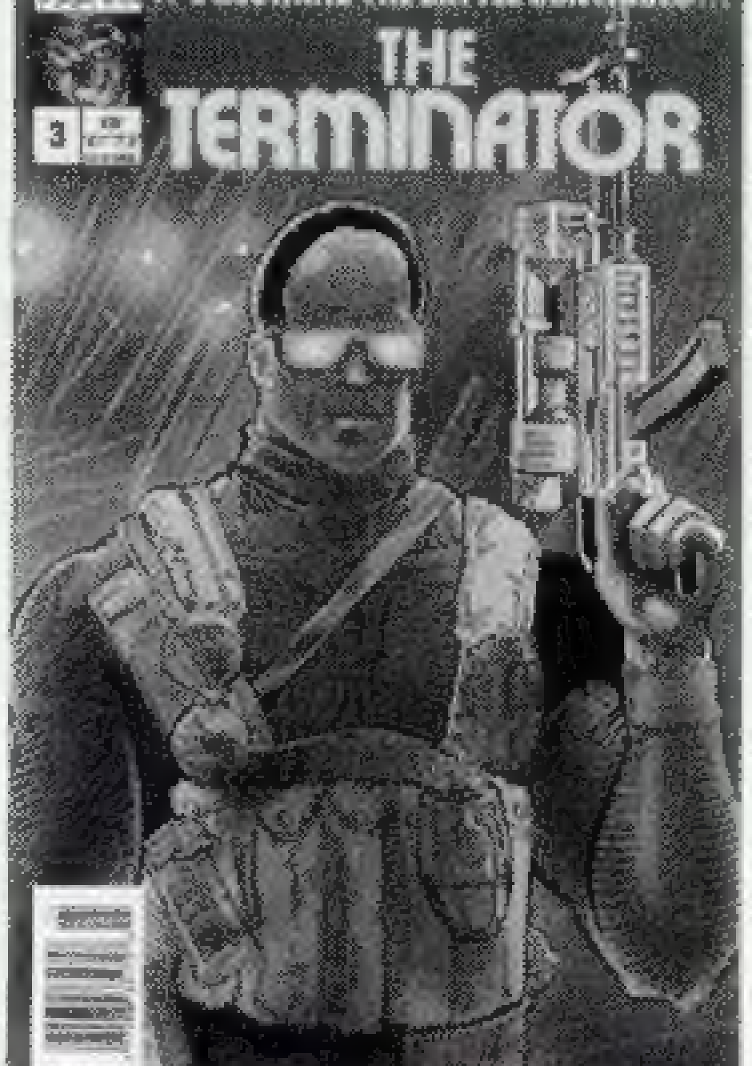

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